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DISPOSAL OF OUTDATED FIGHTER AND PASSENGER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the policy in regard to disposal of outdated fighter and passenger aircraft of the Air Force;

(b) the number of such aircraft with Indian Air Force as on date;

(c) the number out of them crashed or damaged during the last one year;

(d) whether the Government propose to take effective steps for strengthening of the Indian Air Force by the money earned from selling of these aircrafts; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)
(a) & (b): The policy with regard to disposal of outdated (surplus) fighter and passenger aircrafts with Indian Air Force is that the outdated surplus aircrafts are offered for sale to friendly foreign countries. These are also gifted to educational and training institutions in the country for display/demonstration/instructional purposes. The surplus and outdated aircrafts which cannot be disposed off or gifted are reduced to scrap and disposed off in `as is where is` condition after retrieving all serviceable component suitable for current use.

(c) During last one year, 18 fighter aircrafts were lost in accidents.

(d) & (e): Not applicable as the amount realized by sale of scraps is meager.